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**Report Highlights:**

**MAFF projects domestic sugar production at 795,000 tons in 1999/2000, down from 846,000 tons the year before. Beginning stocks of over 100,000 tons will more than make up for the shortfall, as imports are expected to remain roughly unchanged. Consumption is expected to decline, from 2.41 million tons to 2.31 million tons.**

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Includes PSD changes: Yes  
Includes Trade Matrix: Yes  
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## **Executive Summary**

Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF) centrifugal sugar production for the October-September Marketing Year (MY) 1999/2000 is estimated at 795,000 tons, down 6 percent from the year before, as production of beet and cane and sugar yields of cane are expected to be lower than normal levels due to unfavorable weather conditions. Japanese sugar consumption continues to decline slightly. Consumption in 1998/99 fell to 2.31 million tons, down from 2.41 tons the year before.

The Government of Japan abolished the tariff on raw sugar from 10 yen per kilogram. In order to strengthen the competitiveness of the Japanese sugar industry, the GOJ already decided to lower the domestic sugar price by 20 to 30 yen from the current price of around 133 yen per kilogram.

The abolition of the raw sugar tariff is could discourage imports of prepared products containing sugar, which compete with raw sugar. This change will not directly influence the minimum producer price of sugar beet and sugar cane.

MAFF, through the Agriculture and Livestock Industries Promotion Corporation (ALIC), subsidizes domestic production through a generous price support system. Each year, ALIC sets a guaranteed price for domestic beet and cane producers. ALIC then sets a price at which it will buy raw sugar from refiners that will allow the refiners to pay the guaranteed price for beets and cane. MAFF purchases sugar at the set price, then resells the sugar to the refiners at a lower price, which is roughly equivalent to import prices.



## Tables

**PSD Table - Centrifugal Sugar**

PSD Table						
Country	Japan					
Commodity	Centrifugal Sugar				(1000 MT)	
	Revised	1998	Preliminary	1999	Forecast	2000
	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New
Market Year Begin		10/1997		10/1998		10/1999
Beginning Stocks	113	124	121	87	202	101
Beet Sugar Production	643	643	669	680	669	615
Cane Sugar Production	256	156	177	172	177	180
TOTAL Sugar Production	899	799	846	852	846	795
Raw Imports	1539	1542	1539	1518	1539	1468
Refined Imp.(Raw Val)	3	3	3	3	3	3
TOTAL Imports	1542	1545	1542	1521	1573	1471
TOTAL SUPPLY	2554	2468	2509	2460	2621	2367
Raw Exports	0	0	0	0	0	0
Refined Exp.(Raw Val)	10	10	7	4	7	7
TOTAL EXPORTS	10	10	7	4	7	7
Human Dom. Consumption	2323	2418	2300	2313	2300	2300
Feed Dom. Consumption	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL Dom. Consumption	2323	2418	2300	2313	2300	2300
Ending Stocks	121	87	202	101	314	314
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	2454	2515	2509	2418	2621	2621



**PSD Table - Sugar Beets**

PSD Table						
Country	Japan					
Commodity	Sugar Beets				(1000 HA)(1000 MT)	
	Revised	1998	Preliminary	1999	Forecast	2000
	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New
Market Year Begin		10/1997		10/1998		10/1999
Area Planted	70	70	68	70	0	70
Area Harvested	70	70	68	70	0	70
Production	3596	3596	3675	4164	0	3764
TOTAL SUPPLY	3596	3596	3675	4164	0	3764
Utilization for Sugar	3596	3596	3675	4164	0	3764
Utilizatr for Alcohol	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL UTILIZATION	3596	3596	3675	4164	0	3764



**PSD Table - Sugar Cane for Centrifugal**

PSD Table						
Country	Japan					
Commodity	Sugar Cane for Centrifugal				(1000 HA)(1000 MT)	
	Revised	1998	Preliminary	1999	Forecast	2000
	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New
Market Year Begin		10/1997		10/1998		10/1999
Area Planted	23	23	23	22	0	23
Area Harvested	23	23	23	22	0	23
Production	1437	1437	1500	1664	0	1549
TOTAL SUPPLY	1437	1437	1500	1664	0	1549
Utilization for Sugar	1437	1437	1500	1664	0	1549
Utilizatn for Alcohol	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL UTILIZATION	1437	1437	1500	1664	0	1549



**Import Trade Matrix - Centrifugal Sugar**

Import Trade Matrix			
Country	Japan		
Commodity	Centrifugal Sugar		
Time period	CY	Units:	1000MT
Imports for:	1999		2000
U.S.	0	U.S.	
Others		Others	
R. Korea	1		
Australia	1		
Total for Others	2		0
Others not Listed	1		
Grand Total	3		0



**Export Trade Matrix - Centrifugal Sugar**

Export Trade Matrix			
Country	Japan		
Commodity	Centrifugal Sugar		
Time period	CY	Units:	MT
Exports for:	1999		2000
U.S.	16	U.S.	
Others		Others	
China	3277		
Hong Kong	1047		
Singapore	7		
Pakistan	5		
Taiwan	3		
Total for Others	4339		0
Others not Listed	0		
Grand Total	4355		0



**Export Trade Matrix - Sugar Cane for Centrifugal**

Export Trade Matrix			
Country	Japan		
Commodity	Sugar Cane for Centrifugal		
Time period	CY	Units:	MT
Exports for:	1999		2000
U.S.	0	U.S.	0
Others		Others	
Australia	645		0
Thailand	484		
South Africa	197		
Cuba	121		
Fiji	65		
China	5		
Total for Others	1517		0
Others not Listed	4		
Grand Total	1521		0



**Prices Table - Centrifugal Sugar**

Prices Table			
Country	Japan		
Commodity	Centrifugal Sugar		
Prices in	yen	per uom	kg
Year	1998	1999	% Change
Jan	149	137	-8.05%
Feb	149	137	-8.05%
Mar	149	136	-8.72%
Apr	146	135	-7.53%
May	143	133	-6.99%
Jun	143	133	-6.99%
Jul	143	133	-6.99%
Aug	143	133	-6.99%
Sep	143	133	-6.99%
Oct	141	133	-5.67%
Nov	140	133	-5.00%
Dec	139	133	-4.32%
Exchange Rate	102	Local currency/US \$	